

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO  
REVISE AND EXTEND REMARKS

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN) be permitted to revise and extend his remarks and insert extraneous material into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO NA-  
TIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE  
REVIEW OF THE RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF  
THE UNITED STATES INTEL-  
LIGENCE COMMUNITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. HAYWORTH). The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1002 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (P.L. 107-306) as amended by section 701(a)(3) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (P.L. 111-259), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following Member of the House to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community:

Mr. CONAWAY, Texas

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MILTON  
KRINER II

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, on October 9, 2011, a good friend and long-time scout, John Milton Kriner II, passed away at the age of 53. A life marked with accomplishment and overcoming barriers, John was born in 1958 with Down syndrome. Despite life's challenges, John and his parents, John and Betta, always focused on the possible, not the limitations.

He graduated from State College Area High School, went on to receive certification from Centre County Vocational and Hiram G. Andrews Technical Schools, and was later employed by the

State Area College School District. A member of Troop 339, Boy Scouts of America, John received the Eagle Scout with Gold Palm, Silver Beaver Award, Unit Commissioner, Honorary Camp Director, and Wood Badge Beaver Awards. He attended four BSA national jamborees, serving as a staff member, was a Vigil Honor member of the Monaken Lodge, Order of the Arrow, and an honorary member of Penn State University's Alpha Phi Omega. John was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, where he served as an usher, greeter, and was a member of Disciples Sunday school class. He was also a State Special Olympic silver, bronze, and gold medal winner in swimming. John Kriner was a true inspiration to all who knew him. Well done, Scouter.

VFW 1—VETERANS  
ADMINISTRATION 0

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, during the hot days of last summer, the Veterans of Foreign Wars went to battle with the Veterans Administration. The VFW claimed the VA was censoring free speech and preventing the free exercise of religion at the National Cemetery in Houston. The VFW says the chapel at the cemetery was closed. The Bible, the cross, the Star of David were removed, and the chapel became a storage shed. VFW members also said the director of the cemetery censored prayers and prohibited the religious ceremony during burial of veterans.

The VFW sued the VA, and the VA naturally denied the whole thing. Recently, a Federal judge approved and agreed to an order requiring the chapel to be reopened, the Bible, the cross, the Star of David to be returned, and said that the VA must not interfere with free speech or the free exercise of religion at burials.

Madam Speaker, it is ironic that Americans have gone to war, fought for the principles of the Constitution; then when they come home, they face government hostility and the denial of First Amendment rights to the citizens when these veterans are buried in VA cemeteries. Now the veterans have won a battle against a government that wanted to deny them the American freedoms they fought for in lands far, far away.

And that's just the way it is.

CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

(Mr. FORTENBERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Madam Speaker, the Department of Health and Human Services recently proposed a rule that would require all health plans to cover in full and, consequently, every American to subsidize procedures

and drugs that are unrelated to medical necessity, traditionally considered electives, and can be very ethically divisive for many Americans. Why when 75 cents on every public health care dollar is spent on the management of chronic conditions, such as cancer, heart disease, and stroke, is the Health and Human Services Department prioritizing free sterilization, for instance?

This is distinctly unrelated to our Nation's health care priority challenges. I can only conclude that this is ideologically driven and most perniciously affects faith-based institutions who are the backstop of compassionate care for the poorest and most vulnerable in society. Many Republicans and Democrats have expressed very serious concerns about this. No American should be forced to choose between their faith and their job.

REGIONAL HAZE MANAGEMENT

(Mr. BERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BERG. Madam Speaker, with each new overreaching one-size-fits-all mandate, the Obama administration continues to burden the States with unnecessary costs and regulations that are hindering job creation. That's why today I introduced the Regional Haze Federalism Act. This will rein in the Obama administration and prevent a Federal takeover of State haze management.

States like North Dakota continue to act responsibly to create well-researched plans and to implement EPA-mandated policies; yet it's clear that these efforts to play by the rules aren't enough for the Obama administration. The administration's overreach would cost North Dakota over \$700 million. Those costs will directly increase rates to our consumers across the State.

If we are truly committed to creating jobs and lowering energy costs, we need to empower the States and rein in President Obama's overreaching EPA.

HONORING CORPORAL JOSHUA  
"J.B." KERNS

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I rise today, as we approach Veterans Day, to honor Corporal Joshua "J.B." Kerns. Corporal Kerns, from Ararat, Virginia, in Patrick County, served in the United States Marine Corps in the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 3rd Platoon. And one day in Afghanistan he, unfortunately, was hit with an IED explosion. This brave young man lost both legs and one arm.

One of the volunteers who worked with him as he recovered, Bert Caswell, working with Wounded Warriors, wrote a poem on his behalf, which I will put